THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b) The Medical Education Review Committee, whose report was placed before the Parliament on the 2nd May, 1986, had made a recommendation for the establishment of an autonomous Medical and Health Education Commission, which would be responsible for coordination, planning and implementation of various medical and health education programme in all branches of health sciences planning, for the development of health manpower, allocation of funds and disbursement of grants to medical and health institutions etc. This recommendation has been accepted, in principle, and action has been initiated in consultation with various organisations and medical education scientists to work out the modalities regarding the setting up of such a Committee.

Ban on filling up vacant posts on *ad-hoc* basis

3124. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a ban has been imposed for filling up vacant posts on *ad-hoc* basis ; if so, since when ;

(b) whether these ban orders are applicable to ex-Cadre (non-ministerial) posts or it includes posts under Central Secretariat Services also ; and

(c) what is the number of posts filled up on *ad-hoc* basis in each cadre (classwise), for ex-cadre/C.S.S. separately in the Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Food and Civil Supplies and its attached offices separately during years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b)Revised instructions on ad-hoc appointments have been issued vide Department of Personnel and Training OM No. 28036/8/87-Estt.(D) dated 30-3-88 (copy enclosed) [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 168]. These instructions do not impose a total ban on filling up of posts on ad-hoc basis. The instructions apply to all posts under the Central Government including posts in the Central Secretariat Service.

(c) Such information is not centrally maintained.

Promotions in Army Ordnance Corps

3125. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons from O.S. Gd. II who have been promoted to O.S. Gd. I in Army Ordnance Corps during the last three years ;

(b) whether the SC/ST candidates have been considered for the said promotion on the basis of their seniority ;

(c) whether the promotions have been made on the reservation policy as being followed in the Central Government Offices, as per the roster points ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and what steps have been taken to clear the backlog ?